

We, not constrained by force or fear, not hereunto induced or seduced by any deceit or other sinister machination, but out of our own certain knowledge, deliberate minds and mere and spontaneous wills, do, purely of our own accord, and absolutely in the word of our priesthood, profess, promise and swear, unto your most illustrious majesty, our singular and most high lord and patron, Henry the eighth, by the grace of God King of England and France, defender of the faith, lord or Ireland, and on earth of the English Church, immediately under Christ, supreme head: That from henceforth we will promise or give, or cause to be given, to no foreign emperor, king, prince, or prelate, nor to the bishop of Rome (whom they call pope) fidelity or obedience in word or writing, simple or by oath; but at all times, in every case and condition, we will follow and observe, and to our power defend the parts of your royal majesty ... as our supreme prince, and head of the English Church ...

Source: *Profession and Oath Exhibited to Henry VIII, King of England, 1534*